

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 15, 19, 20 and 22-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 20 are amended. The amendments to claims 1 and 20 are made to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in dependent claim 3 and now-canceled claim 26. The amendment to claim 3 is made for consistency. No new matter is added. Claim 26 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in that claim. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, on page 6, indicates that claims 3-6, 8, 25 and 26 recite allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Office Action specifically indicates that claims 3 and 26 would be allowable because none of the currently-applied references teach, or suggest, the recited selection of digital graphic element data positioning in conjunction with the recited arrangement of compositing the digital graphic element and a scanned input document in order to form a composite image. Applicants appreciate this indication of allowability and amend claims 1 and 20 to (1) incorporate the specific feature of a digital graphic element positioning device that allows the user to position the selected digital graphic element in the composite image of claim 3 into claim 1 and (2) incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 26 into claim 20 to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 20 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in dependent claims 3 and 26, respectively, and are therefore in condition for allowance. Further, dependent claims 2-6, 8, 15, 19 and 22-25 are also allowable for at least the dependence of these claims on independent claims 1 and 20, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6, 8, 15, 19, 20 and 22-25 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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